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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Supplemental Amendment is to supplement the Amendment accompanying the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed on August 5, 2004. Claims 15 and 16 have been amended to correct minor informalities.

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Conclusion

In view of the amendments and remarks made above, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully solicited.

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